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SUBJECT: GATT COUNCIL OCTOBER 31

REF: GENEVA 7631

GATT COUNCIL MEETING FOR OCTOBER 31 NOW CONFIRMED. HOWEVER,
ANNUAL REPORT TO CPS HAS BEEN HELD OVER FOR CONSIDERATION
AT NOVEMBER 21 COUNCIL (SEPTOL) AND WILL NOT APPEAR ON
OCTOBER 31 AGENDA. FOLLOWING ITEMS EXPECTED TO BE
TAKEN UP OCTOBER 31:

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1. BRAZIL-WAIVER FOR INCREASE IN BOUND DUTIES. GENEVA 7907.

2. BRAZIL-PRIOR IMPORT DEPOSIT. L/4231, 16 OCTOBER, POUCHED DIRECTLY TO EB/OT (SCHMIDT) AND STR (KELLY) ON 17 OCTOBER. PER GENEVA 7419, ASSUME WE WILL WISH REFER MATTER TO BOP COMMITTEE FOR CUSTOMARY EXAMINATION.

3. SWITZERLAND-REVIEW UNDER PARAGRAPH 4 OF PROTOCOL OF ACCESSION. L/4221, SEPT 8, 1975, AND L/4087 AND L/3894. THIS IS TRIENNIAL REVIEW ON BASIS OF LAST THREE ANNUAL REPORTS. SEE L/3761, C/M/79, GENEVA 3361, STATE 131489-ALL OF 1972, RPT 1972 FOR PREVIOUS HANDLING THIS ISSUE. UNLESS WASHINGTON PERCEIVES SOME EXCEPTIONAL CIRCUMSTANCE, RECOMMEND WE NOT CALL FOR WP.

4. FINLAND-HUNGARY AGREEMENT. L/4230 POUCHED ON OCTOBER 15 TO EB/OT (SCHMIDT) AND STR (KELLY). SEE GENEVA 7617 FOR SCENARIO AND APPARENT FIGHT BREWING.

5. WP REPORT ON TRADE WITH HUNGARY. L/4228 OF 7 OCTOBER, 1975 AND GENEVA 7436. WE QUESTIONED FABIAN OF HUNGARIAN MISSION FOR ANY HINT OF HUNGARIAN COUNCIL BEHAVIOR FOR THIS AND PREVIOUS ITEM; HE MERELY SAID HE WAS UNINSTRUCTED. WE REMINDED HIM OF OUTSTANDING RESPONSE TO US QUESTION CONCERNING BUSINESS INTERNATIONAL ARTICLE, PER PARA 5 OF GENEVA 7436; HE PROMISED INQUIRE. UNLESS RESPONSE IS FORTHCOMING, SUGGEST WE REMIND HUNGARIANS AT COUNCIL. WP REPORT, L/4228 (PARA 38 READS THAT HUNGARY "UNDERTOOK" TO REPLY.

6. JAPAN-ART. XXII CONSULTATIONS ON BEEF. TOKYO 5518 AND GENEVA 3457. NO GATT DOCUMENT INVOLVED; CONSULTATIONS NOW CONCLUDED. AUSTRALIA PLANS TO MAKE ITS OWN VERBAL REPORT TO COUNCIL, WHICH WE HOPE TO SEE IN ADVANCE. ASSUMING NO CONTROVERSIAL ISSUES ARE CONTAINED IN STATEMENT, BELIEVE WE SHOULD PLAY LOW-KEY AND SIMPLY NOTE OUR AGREEMENT WITH AUSTRALIA.

7. EFTA BIENNIAL REPORT. L/4233 WILL BE FORWARDED LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WHEN RECEIVED. SEE STATE 206098, 18 OCTOBER, 1973 AND L/3916. AS RULES OF ORIGIN NOW SUBJECT OF ART. XX CONSULTATIONS, ASSUME WASHINGTON WILL WISH MINOR STATEMENT REMINDING COUNCIL OF OUR PREVIOUSLY EXPRESSED CONCERNS.

8. FINLAND GDR AGREEMENT. L/4211 AND GENEVA 4166. GATT SECRETARIAT SIAD PROPOSAL FOR "UNUSUAL"

HANDLING THIS AGREEMENT BEING CONSIDERED BUT THEY UNDER
PROMISE NOT TO DISCUSS FOR MOMENT. WE CALLED FINNS;
EGGERT SAID PRIVATELY THEY CONSIDERING SEEKING WAIVER
RATHER THAN WP REVIEW UNDERTAKEN FOR OTHER FINLAND-
EAST EUROPEAN TRADE AGREEMENTS. WE ENCOURAGED HIM ON
THIS AND TOLD HIM WE ASSUME US WOULD FAVOR ARTICLE
XXV WAIVER THAN PRESENTATION UNDER ARTICLE XXIV.
REQUEST CONFIRMATION OUR VIEW CORRECT AS WELL AS
AUTHORIZATION INDICATE WE WOULD VOTE FOR WAIVER.

9. REPORT ON TRAINING ACTIVITIES. L/4232. ROUTINE
NOTING EXPECTED.

10. ITC RESOLUTION ON EXPORT PROMOTION. C/94 OF
1 OCTOBER, 1975. ROUTINE ADOPTION EXPECTED. ABRAMS

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